GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:466
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2006
COMPENSATION TO LOSERS OF LAND.
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether adequate compensation has not been paid to the`land oustees by the Coal India Limited (CIL);

(b) the details of cases of compensation pending for disposal including the date from which pending, company -wise;

(c) steps taken to dispose of all pending cases in a time bound manner;

(d) whether the Government proposes to evolve a uniform , criteria for payment of compensation to land oustees and provide them permanent source of income; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHIBU SOREN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.466 for answer on 17.05.2006

(a): No, Sir. Compensation is paid to land losers as per provision of Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (LA Act) and Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957 (CBA Act) and the guidelines of the Government.

(b): Out of about 81,000 cases, compensation has been paid in about 76,000 cases and the rest are pending with the concerned Courts/ Tribunals and coal compames.

(c) to (e): Following steps have been taken to dispose of pending cases:

i) During the financial year 2005-06, additional provision ofRs. 43 crores, was made by the Government as against the original provision of Rs. 25 crores.
ii) In case of Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957, camps for disbursement of compensation are being held at Project! Area level at regular interval with prior intimation to land owners. Periodical meetings are also held with land owners / local peoples` representatives to settle the pending cases. In cases where the land losers are not available in the addresses given to the company as per record, notices are published in local newspapers for receiving compensation.
iii) In cases where land is acquired under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, regular follow-up with District Land Acquisition Officer of the State Govt. is done to settle the cases of payment of compensation.

Criteria for payment of compensation have been spelt out under L.A. Act, 1894 and CBA (A&D) Act, 1957 and there is no need for Govt. to evolve any further uniform criteria.

The Resettlement and Rehabilitation policy of Coal India Ltd. has a provision of employment to land oustees fulfilling eligibility criteria and also subject to the availability of vacancy. In case it is not possible to offer employment, the land oustees are given monetary compensation for self employment.